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Credentials of representatives to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Mr. Felipe H. **Mabilangan** (Philippines)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 5 June 2000, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its twenty-third special session consisting of the following Member States: Austria, Bolivia, China, Philippines, Russian Federation, South Africa, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, and United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held its meeting on 5 June 2000.

3. Mr. Felipe H. Mabilangan (Philippines) was unanimously elected Chairman.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General, dated 2 June 2000, concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly. The Assistant Secretary-General for Legal Affairs made a statement relating to the memorandum by the Secretary-General, in which he, *inter alia*, updated the memorandum by the Secretary-General, indicating those credentials and communications received subsequent to the preparation of the memorandum.

5. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, formal credentials of representatives to the twenty-third special session, in the form required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, had been received as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee from the following 62 Member States: Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Barbados, Bhutan, Bulgaria, Central African Republic, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Finland, France, Gabon, Guyana, Iceland, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Myanmar, Netherlands, Niger, Norway, Oman, Panama, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovakia, Suriname, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Venezuela.

6. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of Member States to the session had been communicated to the Secretary-General, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, by means of a cable or a telefax from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission concerned, by the following 74 Member States: Antigua and

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Barbuda, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belize, Brazil, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malawi, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Morocco, Nauru, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam and Yemen.

7. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum and the statement relating thereto, the following 46 Member States participating in the twenty-third special session had not, as of the time of the meeting of the Credentials Committee, communicated to the Secretary-General information regarding their representatives to the session, but had previously empowered their permanent representatives to represent their respective States in all organs of the United Nations without limitation as to session: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Chad, Congo, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, India, Japan, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Madagascar, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Spain, Sudan, Swaziland, Tonga, Vanuatu, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. Four Member States had not yet communicated to the Secretary-General any information regarding their representatives to the twenty-third special session: Comoros, Equatorial Guinea, Kiribati and Palau.

9. The Chairman recommended that the Committee accept the credentials of the representatives of all Members States mentioned in the Secretary-General's memorandum, on the understanding that formal credentials for representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. Having considered the question of the credentials of Afghanistan, the Committee decided to take the same position as had been taken at the fifty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.

11. On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee adopted the following draft resolution:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 2 June 2000,
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> "*Accepts*, subject to the decision contained in paragraph 10 of the present report, the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned."

12. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted without a vote.

13. The Chairman then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 15). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

14. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

15. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

> **Credentials of representatives to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly**
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> *The General Assembly*,
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> *Having considered* the report of the Credentials Committee and the recommendation contained therein,
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> *Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee.